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TO AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

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INFO AMCONSUL FRANKFURT PRIORITY

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FRANKFURT FOR GAO EDER

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AGAO, ENRG

SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW: "POLICIES AND PRACTICES IN IMPORTING  
LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS (LNG)"

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ADVISED BY GAO OF THE SUBJECT REVIEW TO BE CONDUCTED AT ADDRESSEE POSTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SCHEDULE BELOW. REGRET THAT COMMUNICATIONS MIXUP HERE PREVENTED EARLIER NOTIFICATION.

2. GAO WISHES TO INTERVIEW EMBASSY OFFICIALS AND APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS TO IDENTIFY: ROLE OF LNG IN THE RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES' NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY, (2) ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND PROCESSES INVOLVED IN APPROVAL OF LNG IMPORTS AND RECEIVING FACILITIES, (3) SAFETY  
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AND SITING CRITERIA, AND (4) EXPERIENCE WITH IMPORTS INCLUDING ACCIDENTS, IF ANY, AND THEIR CAUSES, (5) ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS AND THE LIKE.

3. TENTATIVE GAO SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS: LONDON, APRIL 25-29; PARIS, MAY 2-6; MADRID, MAY 16-20; ROME, MAY 23-27.  
DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT GAO FRANKFURT HAS ALREADY

BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ADDRESSEES BY PHONE AND THAT OFFICIAL  
NOTIFICATION LETTERS HAVE BEEN MAILED.

4. REQUEST EMBASSIES PARIS, MADRID AND ROME REPLY BY  
PRIORITY CABLE WITH INFO TO LONDON FOR GAO CARPENTER  
AND TO FRANKFURT FOR GAO EDER.

5. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO BE FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATE WITH  
GAO ON SUBJECT REVIEW WITHIN PROVISIONS OF 4 FAM 930-934.  
GAO AWARE THAT ANY CONTACTS OUTSIDE OF USG OFFICIAL  
COMMUNITY ARE AT DISCRETION OF AMBASSADOR AND TO-BE  
ARRANGED FOR BY EMBASSIES. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ARISING  
DURING COURSE OF REVIEW SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT.  
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